-Russian soldiers are taught a trade and allowed, when off duty, to earn money by it.

-The colossal works begun five years ago for the improvement of the port of Genoa have been successfully

-According to architectural statistics twenty-seven thousand houses were built in Paris during the reign of Napoleon III.

—It is calculated that the traffic under the St. Gothard tunnel, to be opened next year, will greatly surpass that of the Mont Cenis.

—A hundred and one persons died of starvation in the metropolitan district of London last year. That is about twenty in a million.

-Miss Lucia Zarate, the "midgit"certainly the smallest woman livingcommands a larger salary than any other woman in England.

A Catholic Congress will be held at Madrid next October, which is to be at-tended by Catholic notabilities from every part of the world.

—Late reports say that dry, harsh winds have materially damaged the English crop prospects. Spring wheat has begun to look yellow.

Ottawa, Ontario, mills will cut about the same quantity of lumber as was produced last season—some 300,000,000 -Naples has lost its noted beggar. He had been married thirteen times,

and the number of his children is said to have been 132, now all living except -A bronze statue of D: nte has late-

ly been set up in the square of the Col-lege de France, this being the quarter in which he lived when in Paris in -An exhibition of works of art was opened at Yeddo, in Japan, on the 15th of March. It is to close on the 30th of June. It contains many French pic-

—Shakespeare's works are being ren-dered into Malo-Russian language by a well-known writer in that dialect, M. Kulish, who has already completed a translation of six of the plays.

-In proportion to population the taxation is higher in France than in England. In France it is \$6.25 per head; in England, 4.35. The interest on the French debt now exceeds that of the English debt.

-The supply of water received in Rome by the squeducts from the Alban hills is magnificent, but it does not as-cend to the tops of the highest houses. It is now proposed to put up works to accomplish this end.

-In Paris false cars are now manufactured for the toilet. Ladies who think they have ugly ears place these artistic productions under luxurient tresses of false hair, fasten them to the natural ears, and wear them for show.

—George Brine, known as the King of the Vagrants, who boasted that he had been in every jall and workhouse in England, died lately at a workhouse after ten years' residence. He had never been convicted of felony or lar-

-A drama written some years ago by King Oscar, of Sweden, upon an episode that occurred in one of the wars waged between his country and Denmark, is being rrepared by per-mission for presentation on the stage in Germany.

-The Princess Dolgrouki, the morgantic; wife of the Czar, is instructing her financial agents to invest largely on her behalf in America securities, in American securities, in which she has already placed between two and three million dollars,

-Strict orders have been given by the Russian Minister of Finance pro-hibiting the entry into the empire of nitro-glycetine, which is declared a Government monopoly. This corner-ing of the market will only sharpen the wits of the Nihilists.

There is still running from the Piazzi di Venezia to the entrance of the Vatican, in Rome, a line of omnibuses which has been running for fifty years; they are rickety and dingy, and are drawn by shabby horses. The city has only two street tramways.

-The agitation of the International Association for the International Association for the Suppression of Gambling at Monte Carlo has received fresh impetus from the suicide of two young Italians, brothers, who lost all they had, and threw themselves under a train at San Remo, Italy.

—Lord Beaconsfield did not place on the statute books a single measure of relief to the laboring classes. The most useful act which he introduced was that by which electoral disputes are tried by a Judge of the Supreme Court, instead of a committee of the Legislature.

—A Berlin dispatch says that a bill will be presented in the Bundsrath regulating the employment of boys in mines stipulating that their hours of ef labor must not exceed eight per day, and that their physical capacity must be certified to by medical examina-

—Algiers possesses a river of veritable ink. Two streams, one starting from a region where the soil is ferruginous, the other from a peat swamp, meet and form the river, whose inky constituency is due to the mixing of the iron and gallic acid which the two tributary streams respectively contain.

The British steamship Punjab recently, while on her way to Busserah, was closely followed for about twenty-four hours by a large whale, said to have been about eighty feet long. It was fired at with Smider bullets, but they did not seem to make much impression upon the sea monster.

Jules Opport is a Jew and a native of Germany. He was disqualified in that intellectual country by his descent and religion from pursuing a professional career, and went to France. He has now been elected to a place among the "immortal forty" of the French Academy for his researches and writings in the domain of philology.

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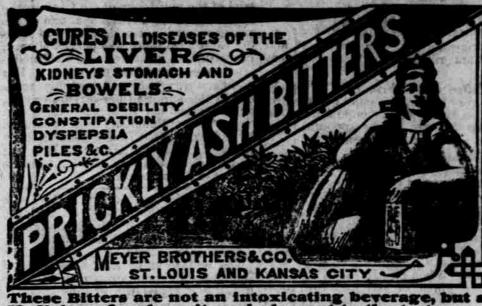
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